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STAGES APPLIED TO A SIGNAL**

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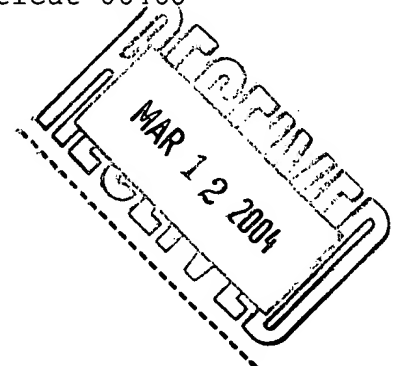
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2004.

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-23 are pending.

The Examiner has objected to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on July 13, 2001 as the copies of the reference were not present in the application file. Applicants submitted copies of the references with the January 8, 2001 IDS, which were apparently lost at the Patent Office. Applicants note that the U.S. patent